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THE AMERICAN REGIMENT IN THE
CARTHAGENA EXPEDITION

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This military expedition to Carthagena, the Spanish stronghold on the north coast of South America, is of interest in American history in that it was the first occasion to employ American troops outside their own Continent in a war between Great Britain and one of the most powerful European nations.

According to Smollett, the novelist (who served as a surgeon's mate in one of Admiral Vernon's ships on this expedition and wrote an account of it), the suggestion to raise troops in America came from Colonel Alexander Spotswood, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, a colony which was conspicuous for enthusiasm in answering the call for volunteers.

Directions were issued for raising four battalions of Americans, to be commanded by Governor Spotswood, who was appointed second in command of the British military force and Quartermaster General. His instructions for raising the regiment are dated 5 April 1740. After alluding to the honour conferred by the King upon this officer, in promoting him at

once to the rank of Major General and giving him a considerable share in an expedition of such great importance—"for making an attempt upon some of the most considerable of the Spanish settlements"—under the supreme command of Lord Cathcart, the instructions go on to say that half the blank commissions for Virginia should be filled by Spotswood and the other half by the Lieutenant Governor.¹

One of the officers recommended (by the Duke of Newcastle in this case) for the Virginia contingent was Edward Martin, nephew of Lord Fairfax.²

Unfortunately, both Lord Cathcart and Major General Spotswood died before the troops reached their goal, the latter at Annapolis in Maryland on 7 June 1740, when the arrangements for the American force were put into the hands of Colonel Gooch, and the regiment became known as "Colonel Gooch's American Regiment."

The instructions to the Governors of the various American Colonies dated 2 April 1740, state that 3,000 men were expected to be raised in America.³

The command of the whole force devolved upon Brigadier General Thomas Wentworth, a hesitating, timid officer, well versed in the theory of war. To their lack of discipline is attributed the reason that only 300 Americans were trusted ashore, and, therefore, the names of the American officers engaged in the actual fighting cannot probably be ascertained. The American contingent was reduced to 1300 men by the horrors of the yellow fever.⁴

The following list⁵ of gentlemen recommended to the King by Lord Cathcart as officers in the American Regiment is now, perhaps, published for the first time.

¹ Public Record Office, London: C. O. 5/5, ff. 149-155. The Governors of Virginia were titular Lieutenant Governors, the Governor in chief being resident in England. Spotswood (who served under Marlborough) was Lt. Governor 1710-20, and William Gooch (also an officer) held the same position from 1727 to 1749.

From Dec. 1740 until about July 25, 1741, during Gooch's absence, Rev. James Blair, D. D., President of the Council, was acting Governor.

² *Ibid.*

³ Public Record Office: Chatham Papers, 95.

⁴ Fortescue, *Hist. of the British Army*, Vol. II, pp. 60-74.

⁵ Public Record Office: C. O. 5/41.

From this expedition, as will be remembered, came the name of Mount Vernon to the Washington estate in Virginia, thus called by Lawrence Washington in memory of his hero, Admiral Vernon, commander-in-chief of the naval force.

LIEUTENANTS.

<i>Names of Gent Carrying Arms</i>	<i>Date of Service and Character</i>	<i>By whom recommended</i>
W ^m Mills ⁶	Served seven years in the Queen's Reg ^t of horse, a very handsome clever man att present in the Royal Reg ^t of Artillery.	Duke of Argyle ⁷
W ^m McKenzie	Has serv'd three y ^{rs} in Gen. Wade's Reg ^t as Volunteer, of a good Family & has behav'd to the satisfaction of his Officers.	
St. John Leader	Son of John Leader, eldest L ^t in the Reg ^t of foot commanded by Maj ^r Gen ^l Otway ⁹ , has carried arms five y ^{rs} in y ^e said Reg ^t , a sensible sober young man and understands the discipline of y ^e Army.	Gen ^l Wade ⁸
Alex. Craufurd.	Carried Arms five years in Gen ^l Colliers Reg ^t ¹⁰ in the Dutch service & is recommended by his officers as one who always behav'd in the handsomest manner, & ever had a particular attention to his duty & is very well qualified to be an Officer.	Lord Isla ¹¹
John Areskin	Carried Arms two or three years in Holland. Nephew to Lord Buchan & black Coll. Areskine.	

⁶ William Mills and St. John Leader were attached to the Pennsylvania contingent. (See page —.)

⁷ John, 2nd. Duke of Argyll, commanded the Royal Army in the Jacobite insurrection of 1715 and fought the battle of Sherrifmuir. In 1735-6 he became Field Marshal in the British Army.

⁸ Lieut.-Gen. George Wade's Regt. of Horse.

⁹ Brig.-Gen. Charles Otway's Regt. of Foot (afterwards 35th Foot.).

¹⁰ Sir Alexander Colyear's Scotch Regt. in Holland.

¹¹ Earl of Islay, aft'ds. 3rd Duke of Argyll.

<i>Names of Gent Carrying Arms</i>	<i>Date of Service and Character</i>	<i>By whom recommended</i>
Hugh Lyon.	A sober pretty Gent. has carried Arms twenty years in Maj ^r Gen ^l Campbel's Reg ^t & in great esteem with all the Officers.	
John Abernethy.	A very discreet young Gent. has carried Arms five years in Maj ^r Gen ^l Campbel's Reg ^t & behav'd to the satisfaction of all his Officers.	Maj Campbel Gen.
Ja ^s Pope.	A Young Gent. son to And ^r Pope Cap ^t L ^t in L ^t Gen. Tyrell's Reg ^t of foot ¹² , he has serv'd three years in Brig ^{dr} Halket's Reg ^t in the Dutch service to the satisfaction of his Coll. & all his Officers.	
W ^m Hepburn.	Carried Arms five years in Maj ^r Gen. Legonier's Reg ^t ¹³ & two years in the Duke of Argyle's, ¹⁴ a very sober young man and has always behav'd to the satisfaction of his Officers.	Recom- mended by the Officers of both Reg ^{mts}
Sam ^l Hall.	A sober pretty young man understands the discipline of the Army, carried arms seventeen years in Coll. Blakeney's Reg ^t ¹⁵ .	
John Hall.	Carried Arms in Coll. Blakeney's Reg ^t 13 years & always behav'd to the satisfaction of his Officers.	
W ^m Havaland.	A pretty young Gent. has carried Arms in Coll. Handyside's Reg ^t ¹⁶ seven years, his Father is Cap ^t in the same Reg ^t .	Coll. Blakeney ¹⁵

¹² Lieut.-Gen. James Tyrrell's Regt. of Foot.

¹³ Baj.-Gen. John Ligonier's Regt. of Horse.

¹⁴ Duke of Argyll's Royal Regt. of Horse Guards.

¹⁵ Brig.-Gen. William Blakeney served in Royal Irish Regt. of Foot in 1699, in 1st. Foot Guards in 1708, Col. of the Inniskilling Regt. from 1737, and was Brig.-Gen. in the Carthage Expedition. He was created Baron Blakeney in 1756, died in 1761 and was bur. in Westminster Abbey.

¹⁶ Col. Roger Handasyde's Regt. of Foot, or Col. Wm. Handasyde's Regt. of Foot. (aftds. 31st Foot.)

<i>Names of Gent Carrying Arms</i>	<i>Date of Service and Character</i>	<i>By whom recommended</i>
Rob ^t Cathcart.	Carried Arms first in the Reg ^t now commanded by Coll. Handyside when Coll: Blakeney was L ^t Coll: to it, is now in the Carabiners & has serv'd seventeen years with the Approbation & esteem of his Offic ^{rs} .	
Ja ^a Stewart.	Brother to S ^r Rob ^t Stewart, carried Arms seven years in Coll: Handyside's Reg ^t under Coll: Blakeney & behav'd himself to the satisfaction of his Officers.	
Fran. Howard.	Grand Nephew to Gen ^l Gorge, a sober sensible young man understands the discipline of the Army carried Arms six years in Coll. Bland's Reg ^t . ¹⁷	Coll. Bland ¹⁷
W ^m Pringle.	A Gent of very good family carried Arms eleven years in Coll: John Campbel's Reg ^t & has behaved so well as to have the Esteem of all his Officers.	Recom- mended by the Officers of the Reg ^t
Limpany(?) White.	A Gent of family, carried Arms seven years in Coll. Braggs Reg ^t ¹⁸ & behav'd to y ^e satisfaction of his Officers, is now in Coll. Lowther's Reg ^t of Marines. ¹⁹	Coll. Lowther.

ADJUTANTS AND SURGEON.

James Smollet.	Eldest son to S ^r W ^m Nairn Baron ^t , he carried arms sever ^l years in the Scotch Dutch and is recommended by	The Duke of Athol.
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¹⁷ Col. Humphrey Bland's Regt. of Foot, (aflds. 36th Foot.)¹⁸ Col. Jhillip Bragg's Regt. of Foot (aflds. 28th Foot.)¹⁹ Colonel Anthony Lowther's Regt. of Marines.

<i>Names of Gent Carrying Arms</i>	<i>Date of Service and Character</i>	<i>By whom recommended</i>
Rich ^d George de la Vallee. Son to Cap ^t La Vallee of L ^t Gen ^l Kerr's Reg ^t ²⁰ , he carried arms in that Corps several years & is recommended by		L ^t Coll: Foukes
Hugh Campbel. Carried Arms a great many Years and one of those approv'd by his Majesty for a Lieu ^t but was struck out to make way for M ^r Ereskine, a recommendation of the Earl of Islay's.		Maj ^r Gen ^l Campbel
James Mercer ²¹ . A Clever Active man of a good family who carried Arms in the Scotch Dutch several years and lately in the Scotch Fuziliers. Was Succeeded as Adjutant 18 July 1742, and was placed on Half Pay of Gooch's American Regiment. Capt. (from Half Pay) to 48 th Foot. 25 June 1744-1758. Died 1758.		John Campbel
Doct ^r Tho ^s Dundass, Surgeon. A Gentleman of good family who studied Physick under Doc ^{tr} Boerhave in Holland, & Surgery att Edinburgh & Paris, has practis'd several years in both with great approbation & has been eight year a Surgeon in the Army, recommended by		Lord Cadogan

Field Officers of Maj^r Gen^l

<i>L^t. Collonels</i>	<i>Spotswood's Reg^t.</i>	<i>Recommend^d by</i>
Henry Cope. Was Ensign in Gen ^l Webb's Reg ^t in Flanders in the year 1706, he		

²⁰ Maj.-Gen. William Kerr's Regt. of Dragoons.

²¹ James Mercer, son of John Mercer, of Dublin, and brother of John Mercer, of Marlborough, Stafford County, Va., was a resident of Virginia before 1740 and left the colony as an officer in a company raised for the operations against Carthagina. He returned to America in 1755 as Captain in the 18th Regiment of Foot, Col. Dunbar, in the expedition against Fort Duquesne, and continued in service until his death in 1758 or 1759, when he was a Major. (*French and Indian War Land Bounty Warrants, Va. State Land Office.*)

<i>Names of Gent Carrying Arms</i>	<i>Date of Service and Character</i>	<i>By whom recommended</i>
	afterwards serv'd in Spain till the end of the Warr, was made Major to Gen ^l Whatham's Reg ^t 1715, is very well known in North America. Att present L ^t Governour of Placentia, a cleare cool headed determinate Gallant man.	Maj ^r Gen. Legonier.
——	Harding. Who serv'd during all the Warr in Spain with great reputation att Alicant after Maj ^r Gen ^l Richards and most of the Officers were blown up he defended the place till Gen ^l Stanhope came up, was afterwards Maj ^r to S ^r Charl ^s Hothams Reg ^t of foot.	Gen ^l Wade.
John L ^d Colvil.		
John Johnson.		Lord Cathcart
<i>Majors.</i>		
Geo. Martin.	Was after many years service as a Subaltern made Cap ^t in Dubourgay's Reg ^t in 1718 & now has a Company in Maj ^r Gen ^l Armstrong's, he has been all over the West Indies & is universally Esteem'd for a sensible man and a good Officer.	Coll: Wyn- yard and Coll. Onslow.
John Leighton.	Was made Ensign in Spain in 1705, in 1708 was made a Lieut of foot, in 1709 was made a Lieut of Dragoons, in 1725 had a Company in L ^t Gen ^l Tyrrell's Reg ^t where he now serves and always with the reputation of a Clever man & an excellent Officer.	Lord Harrington.
John Spranger.	Had the Company of Grenadiers in Coll. Onslow's Reg ^t for 20 years since the year 1719. Is a Cap ^t on half pay, a clever Active diligent good Officer.	Lord Shannon.
Charles Whitefoord.		by Lord Cathcart

The following lists are taken from the Public Record Office, (T.—I/315.)

List of those Officers of Col^o Gooch's late American Regim^t with their particular Pretentions, and the Station each Served in before he belong'd to the said Regiment, Examined before a Board of General Officers at the Horse Guards on the 12th of Jan^{ry} 1743.

Officers Names.

Observations.

Major

Robert Ellison. Made Ensign in Tattan's Regiment in 1731, Second Lieutenant in 1732 and first Lieut^t in 1738, in the Royal Welsh Fuziliers, Captain in Robinson's Marines 1739, in which last Regiment he went abroad, and exchanged into Guize's,²² and was afterwards appointed Major to this Regiment. Maj^r Gen^l Wentworth acquainted the Board that he Served well during the whole Expedition & gave him an exceed^g good Charact^r.

Captain

Rich^d Bushrod²³. Lived in Virginia upon his own Fortune, Raised his Company there at his own expence, served in the whole Expedition, and Major Gen^l Wentworth gave him a good Character.

Captain

Will^m Cosby²⁴. Was High Sherriff of the City and County of New York, and also Clerk of the Crown and Peace for the County of Salem in New Jerzey. Employments of considerable Profit, which he quitted to go upon the Expedition to the West Indies, and raised his Company

²² John Guise, of the 1st Foot Guards until 1 Nov. 1738, when he became Colonel of the 6th Foot.

²³ Richard Bushrod, of Westmoreland County, Va., was a son of Richard Bushrod who married Elizabeth Kenner and who died in or before 1711.

²⁴ Captain William Cosby was the son of Governor Cosby, of New York, and was granted the freedom of the City of New York on 2 September 1735; his appointment by his father as High Sheriff was made on 29 of the same month.

at his own Expence, Major General Wentworth gave him a very good Character.

Captain

Tho^a. Addison²⁵. A Gentleman residing upon his Estate in Maryland. Raised his Company at his own Expence, was wounded upon the Attack of Fort Lazare, and Major Gen^l Wentworth gave him a good Character.

Captain

John Lloyd. Lived in Maryland upon his own Fortune, where he Raised his Company at his own expence, was upon Service during the whole Expedition. Maj^r Gen^l Wentworth and Brig^r Gen^l Blakeney gave him a good Character.

Lieutenant

Lewis Brown. Went out from England with the King's Commission to be a Lieutenant in this Regiment, he was afterwards appointed Quarter Master and Acted as such without Pay at a very great expence, and when the Expedition was over he went to Gen^l Oglethorpe at Georgia to offer his Service as a Volunter. Major General Wentworth and Brig^r Gen^l Blakeney gave him a good Character.

Lieut^t

Marshall Davis. Lived upon his Fortune in New Jerzey, where he was born, had a Lieuten^{ts} Commission given him by the Govern^r of that Province, and went upon the Expedition. He appeal'd to Major Gen^l Wentworth and Brig^r Gen^l Blakeney as to his Behaviour, who gave him a good Character. [He cannot be traced in New Jerzey.²⁶—E. A. J.]

²⁵ A member of the prominent Maryland family of the name.

²⁶ If Pennsylvania refused to support this expediion, its neighbour New Jersey, sent men in response to the proclamation of Governor Lewis Morris, dated 18 April 1740, in which he urged the enlistment of patriotic Jerseymen to join the expedition, and for this purpose appointed David Provoost, of Bergen county, as one of the persons to enlist volunteers. (W. Nelson, *N. J. Biog. & Gen. Notes*, 1916, p. 178.)

Lieut.

Hugh Rose.²⁷ Lived in Virginia upon his Fortune, and Rais'd 20 Men for His Majesty's Service, had an Ensigns Commission given him by Col^o Gooch, and afterwards was made a Lieutenant, Major Gen^l Wentworth and Brig^r General Blakeney gave him a good Character.

Will^m Ogilvie. Was born in New York and lived there upon a small Fortune, and Carryed Arms 6 years in an Independent Company there. He was appointed an Ensign in this Regiment, and went from that Province upon the Expedition and was afterwards made a Lieutenant. Major Gen^l Wentworth and Brig^r Gen^l Blakeney gave him a good Character.

Lieu^t

John Dalrymple. Served as a Voluntier five years in Gen^l Colyears Regiment of Foot in the Dutch Service in Flanders, was made an Ensign in this Regiment & afterwards a Lieutenant by Major Gen^l Wentworth, who gave him a good Character.

Lieu^t

Robert Lowe. Was a Merchant at Philadelphia. Raised 30 Men at his own expence for his Majesty's Service & went Voluntier upon the Expedition. Major Gen^l Wentworth made him an Ensign.

Lieu^t

Thomas Dyson. Carryed Arms five years in Lieu^t Gen^l Phillips's Reg^t at Annapolis Royal [Nova Scotia], went from thence a Voluntier upon the Expedition, and upon the Recommendation of Brig^r Gen^l Blakeney was made a Lieutenant. The Majors Gen^l Wentworth & Guize and Brig^r Gen^l Blakeney, gave him a good Character.

²⁷ Hugh Rose was possibly a brother of the well known Rev. Robert Rose. The latter's son, Hugh, was not born until after 1740.

²⁸ Col. Richard Phillips raised a regiment, afterwards known as the 40th Foot. He was Governor of Nova Scotia, 1717-49.

Lieut^t

John Gibson. Went a Voluntier upon the Expedition & Carried Arms, Major Gen^l Wentworth made him an Ensign and afterwards promoted him to a Lieutenancy. The said Major General with Major General Guize, and Brig^r Gen^l Blakeney gave him a good Character.

Lewis Mulholland. He is the Son of a Gentleman of a good Family in Ireland, who left him a small Fortune; He went at his own expence to Jamaica to Serve as a Voluntier upon the Expedition, and Served as such 7 Months, Major General Wentworth made him an Ensign, and afterwards a Lieutenant and gave him a good Character, as did also Major Gen^l Guize & Brig^r Gen^l Blakeney.

Lieut

Henry Greeme. He went from Scotland to serve as a Voluntier upon the Expedition, was appointed an Ensign, & afterwards a Lieutenant by Maj^r Gen^l Wentworth, and also Served as Quarter Master without Pay. Major General Wentworth gave him a good Character, and Brig^r Gen^l Blakeney did the same.

Ensign

Ammi Wise. Being pitch'd upon by Gov^r Belcher and the Council as a fit Person, Raised at Boston in New England a compleat Company of 100 Men and Trained & Disciplin'd them for the Service, which was afterwards Broke by the said Governours Order without any reason given, as appears to this Board, to the Truth of which he produced Authentick Vouchers. Notwithstanding these hardships he went a Voluntier upon the Expedition with some Recruits he helped to Raise, and being Recommended to Major Gen^l Wentworth was made an Ensign; the said Maj^r Gen^l Wentworth and Brigadier Gen^l Blakeney gave him a good Character.

Ensign

John Pinhorn. His Father was a Lieutenant of an Independent Company. He went from New York upon the Expedition a Voluntier with some Recruits, Recommended by Lieu^t Governor Clarke [of New York] to Major General Wentworth, who made him an Ensign and gave him a good Character.

Ensign

Gerard Duseign. Was appointed by Gov^r Trelawney to Act as a Lieutenant in an Independent Company at Jamaica, in which he Served two years & half, afterwards at the request of said Governour he Commanded a Company of Negros at Cuba, and upon his Return was made an Ensign by Major General Wentworth in this Regiment, in which he served during the Expedition. Major General Wentworth gave him a good Character.

Captain

W^m Hopkins²⁹. Was a Member of the General Court of His Majesty's Colony of Rhode Island, & a Lieut. Colonel of the Malitia and lived upon his Patrimony there. Raised his Company at his own Expençe. His Commission bears date the 9th of June 1740. Major Gen^l Wentworth says he behaved well upon the Expedition, and being a diligent Officer was employed by his order in recruiting at New York, Rhode Island &c and did good Service.

²⁹ Mr. Howard M. Chapin, Librarian Rhode Island Historical Society, writes:

"I presume that the Capt. William Hopkins is probably the brother of Esek Hopkins the first Commodore of the American Navy and Stephen Hopkins, Governor of Rhode Island and signer of the Declaration of Independence. An examination of the printed Hopkins Genealogy might settle this question.

A William Hopkins, probably the same man, was Captain of one of the Rhode Island Companies in 1740 and Commander of the Privateer Prince Frederick in 1743. See the list of Rhode Island Soldiers & Sailors in King George's War. This list also mentions a William Smith who was Captain of one of the Rhode Island Companies at Louisbourg in 1745.

Some years ago I received a letter from someone compiling a genealogy of the Brenton & Allied Families but I think that that person lived in England."

Captain

Tho. Clark.³⁰ Serv'd formerly in the Navy, and at the time this Regiment was Raised was Sherriff of the County of Huntington in the New Jerseys, Rais'd his Company at his own Expence in Pensilvania & went upon the Expedition. Major Gen^l Wentworth says he behaved well, his Commission is dated the 7th of June 1740.

Captain

W^m McKnight.³⁰ Was in a profitable Station as a Merchant & Factor at Philadelphia & produced a Commission dated the 9th of Jany 1740/1 Raised his Company at his own Expence and was upon the Expedition. Major General Wentworth gave him a good Character.

Captain

Rob^t Farmer.³¹ Lived at New Jersey upon his Fortune &

³⁰ Although the Assembly of Pennsylvania refused to raise soldiers or to contribute a farthing for this expedition (*A Brief State of the Prov. of Penna.*, 1756, p. 12), several officers volunteered for active service and were appointed as follows:

Captains: William McKnight, Thomas Clarke (probably the Sheriff of Hunterdon county, New Jersey).

First Lieuts.: Archibald Graham, St. John Leader (see list), and William Mills (see list).

Ensigns: Edward Harrison, Richard Cager, George Barr, Peter Grung, Vint. Marshall and Charles Mathew.

Other officers were, Captains Robert Bishop, Archibald Gordon (believed to be the son of Patrick Gordon, Lieut.-Governor of the Province). Thomas Freame, who married Margaretta, sister of Thomas Penn, one of the joint Proprietors, and died probably in 1744. (*Penna. Mag. of Hist. & Biog.*, Vol. XXXIV, p. 191), and Thomas Lawrie, who resigned his office as Secretary of Pennsylvania, to go to this war. The following Second Lieuts. were included: John Clifford, Robert Spicer, Henry Hodge, James Sandilands, Anthony Palmer (of the Middle Temple, barrister-at-law), Thomas Berkeley (brother-in-law of Anthony Palmer) and James Foster, and also Ensign Enos Dexter, all of whom were residents of Pennsylvania. (C. P. Keith, *Chronicles of Penna.*, 1688-1748 (1917), p. 809).

One Captain Thinn, a Scotch gentleman, went from Philadelphia in command of a company on this expedition (*Letters of William Allen*, ed. by L. B. Walker, 1897, p. 18).

³¹ Captain Robert Farmer was the son of Thomas Farmer, formerly of Staten Island, second Judge and afterwards Presiding Judge of the Provincial Court of N. J. In 1742 he was raising recruits for military duty in N. J., but his subsequent career is unknown. (Ex. inform. Mr. A. Van Doren Honeyman).

raised his Comp^y at his own Expence, was in every Expedition, his Commission's dated the 10th January 1740/1. Major Gen^l Wentworth gave him a very good Character.

Captain

John Milburn. Liv'd at Maryland upon his own Estate, rais'd his Company at his own Expence, was on Duty in the Expedition till the Regiment was reduced, and Major Gen^l Wentworth gave him a good Character, his Commission's dated the 9th June 1740.

Lieutenant

Ant^o Palmer.³⁰ Bred to the Law, was Instrumental in raising the Company at Pensilvania, was upon the Expedition. Produced his Commission dated the 10th of Janury, 1740/1 and Major Gen^l Wentworth says he did his duty very well.

Lieutenant

Joshua Barker.³² Carry'd Arms in the Indian War, and had the care of a Gun Foundry in New England before this Regiment was raised, his Commission is dated the 10th of Jan^{ry} 1740/1, was upon the Expedition, and Major Gen^l Wentworth gave him a good Character.

Lieutenant

Marmaduke Foster. Liv'd with his Father upon his means, was raised with this Regiment as an Ensign & after-

³² Joshua Barker, son of Captain Thomas and Bethia Barker, was born at Pembroke, Mass., 26 August 1712 and died 1 Jany. 1785, aged 72. He was an officer in the Colonial Wars and a Loyalist in the Revolution. (*Hist. of Hingham*). He was a Lieut. in Capt. John Winslow's company for this expedition. There is a copy of the grant of land in N. H. for his services in the French War.

³³ Lieutenant Lewis Stevens is supposed to have been the son of John Stevens and Ann Campbell and to have been born at Perth Amboy, N. J., in 1720. If this identification should prove to be correct, his brother was John Stevens (1716-1792), a member of the Continental Congress. (Ex. inform. Mr. A. Van Doren Honeyman).

wards made a Lieutenant by Gen^l Wentworth at Carthagena, who gave him a good Character, his Commission is dated the 16th of April 1741.

Lieutenant

Lewis Stevens³³. Liv'd with his Father upon his Fortune in New Jersey, was raised with the Regiment as an Ensign & afterwards promoted to a Lieutenants Commission by Major Gen^l Wentworth who gave him a good Character.

Lieutenant

W^m Smith. Lived at Providence near Rhode Island, upon his means, was raised with the Regiment as an Ensign & afterwards was promoted to a Lieutenantcy by Major General Wentworth who gave him a good Character.

Lieutenant

John Vryling³⁴. Was a Merchant at Boston in New England, was raised with the Regiment as an Ensign, & afterwards made a Lieutenant by General Wentworth at

³⁴ John Vryling, son of John and Mary (Alford) Vryling was born 9 Feb. 1714. He was appointed Ensign in Captain (Dr.) George Stewart's Company for this expedition. In the Records of the Council and in the Massachusetts Archives, under date of 7 July 1740, appears the following list of officers appointed to serve as Captains or Commanders of Companies (to be by them raised) for this expedition:

Captain Daniel Goffe, of Boston.
 Captain Stephen Richards, of Boston.
 Colonel John Prescott, of Concord.
 Major Ammi Ruhamah Wise, of Ipswich.
 Mr. Joshua Barker, of Pembroke.
 Mr. Timothy Ruggles, of Sandwich.
 Mr. Thomas Phillips, of Boston.
 Mr. John Furney of Boston (?John Vryling).
 Dr. George Stewart, of Boston.

To this list the name of Captain Caleb Blodgett was afterwards added. Major Wise was a merchant who was removed from his office as Justice of the Peace on 1 January 1741, because of his connection with the Land Bank. He was a Representative to the General Court, 1739-1740, and died, 6 July 1749, aged 61. Ensign Ammi Wise was perhaps his son or the Major himself. (Ex. inform. Mr. Frederick W. Cook; Waters, *Hist. of Ipswich; Hammatt Papers*; W. K. Watkins, *Mass. in the Expedtn. under Vernon in Soc. of Colonial Wars in the Commonwealth of Mass.*, 1900, pp. 5-64.

Jamaica the 24th June 1741. Major Gen^l Wentworth says he behaved very well, and was particularly usefull in Recruiting.

Lieutenant

Simon Diles⁸⁵. Had a Plantation in New England, was raised as an Ensign with the Regiment, & was afterwards made Lieutenant by General Wentworth the 26th of June 1742. Major General Wentworth gave him a good Character.

Lieutenant

Thomas Lloyd. Was Bred a Merchant at South Carolina, went out a Volunteer upon the Expedition, was made first an Ensign and then a Lieutenant by Major General Wentworth who gave him a good Character.

Lieutenant

And^v McKettrick. A Surgeon by his Profession, was raised as an Ens^a with the Regiment, & made a Lieutenant by General Wentworth upon the Expedition. Major General Wentworth gave him a good Character.

Ensign

Thom^a Marshall. Captain Clark (in whose Company he served) appearing for him, with M^r Howard an Apothecary in the Strand who acquainted the Board that M^r Marshall is dangerously ill & he apprehends his illness proceeds from the wounds he receiv'd at Fort S^t Lazare, being there Shot through his Body. His Commission was given him by Gen^l Wentworth & dated the 30th of Decem^r 1741, after having carried Arms 2 years. Major Gen^l Wentworth says he behaved well.

⁸⁵ Simon Diles is mentioned in an account [in the Archives of Mass.] presented by Timothy Ruggles for subsisting men from the time of their enlistment to 18 August 1740. (Ex. inform. Mr. Frederic W. Cook.)

Ensign

John Farmer. Was Bred a Surgeon, went a Volunteer with the Regim^t & Major General Wentworth appointed him an Ensⁿ the 27 August 1742, who says he behaved well.

Robert Pateshall. Produced a Commission sign'd by Major General Wentworth and dated the 16 April 1741. The Board being informed that the said Pateshall had not been with the Regiment in the West Indies, upon which the said Pateshall alledged that soon after he received the said Commission from L^t Colonel Cope, which was sent to him at Boston, he had orders from the said Lieut. Col^o to stay there and assist Captain Winslow in Raising Recruits for the Regiment which Duty Captain Winslow** at the Board said he did perform, upon which Major General Wentworth acquainted the Board that he had given the said Lieut. Col^o Cope nor Captain Winslow no such orders, and further said that the said L^t Colonel Cope upon his application to him did obtain two Ensigns Commissions for two young Gentlemen. That some time after the said Major General being inform'd that those two young Gentlemen had never appeared to those Commissions, and upon enquiry finding the Information true, he ordered them to be Superceeded.

Officers returned to England and have not been Examined.

L^t Col^o William Merrick

Captain John Prescott. Died 24 Janry 1743/4

Lieuten^{ts} Thomas Lynn

Walter Chaloner

Ensign William Murray

The name of one officer in this American Regiment has come down, in that of Captain Robert Halton, who appointed James

** Captain John Winslow.

Craven, of Edenton, North Carolina, as the administrator of his estate. (British Museum: Addl. Charters, 5976.)

ADDITIONS.

By W. G. Stanard.

It is singular that the names of several Virginia officers who certainly took part in the Carthagera expedition do not appear in these lists. Mr. Jones writes:

"Your letter of Oct. 20 has come today. I had noticed the omission of the name of Lawrence Washington and others from the list but I assumed that the list of *recommendations* for commissions was incomplete and that the other list referred to officers who came to London afterwards. Anyhow, these two lists are all that remain in the Public Record Office. Earlier lists, containing Lawrence Washington and the others could not be found.

This will, I hope, enable you to add a note of explanation."

In a badly worn Council Journal, now in the State Library appears the following under date, August 6, 1740:

"Captains to be commissioned: Lawrence Washington, Charles Walker, Richard Bushrod and * * * Mercer.

Lieutenants: Francis Moss, * * * Bellamy & Lewis Browne.

Ensigns: William Fitzhugh, Hugh Rose, * * * Young & * * * Pilott.

Mr. Kennon agrees to let the Snow Phenix to be employed as a Transport upon the same Terms as were agreed by Capt. Hutchins & to be ready to take the men now raised on board by the 20th of this Month". (*Va. Magazine of History and Biography*, XV, 6).

Moncure D. Conway's *Barons of the Potomack and Rappahannock*, has on pp. 100, 102, 103, 104, 110, 111, &c., notices of Lawrence Washington's service. Joseph Deane, in a letter from Whitehaven, July 24, 1741, says: "It was a very great pleasure and satisfaction to me as to all your friends in having the favour of yours from the Harbour of Carthagera ye 31 March last, and tho wee have not had that favour repeated, and great misfortune and mortality hath attended you, yet I hope to God you are still in being.

We have had dismall accounts, how to judge is very uncertain . . . I hear Col^l Gouge hath wrote to England and accused you Virginians of Cowardice, and that they are all most of them back. I hope it is not true."

Alexander Wilson, Queen Street, Westminster, Nov. 6, 1742, writing "To Capt. Lau. Washington of Col. Gooch's Regiment of Foot. Per Captain Fitzhugh", says, "This comes with your Accot. of Clearing from the date of your Commission to 24 December 1740. Balance whereof is Eighteen Pounds four shilling and 1/2 and waits your order".

General Thomas Wentworth, wrote from London, April 1, 1743, to Lawrence Washington:

"I am favoured with yours of Jan. 17th, which gives me a great deal of pleasure as it confirms the account of your safe arrivall in Virginia with the soldiers committed to your charge."

Deane, writing again from Whitehaven, Nov. 6, 1744, says:

"We have a company of Blackney's Regiment in this Town and the Captain's name is Gordon. He tells me he knew you very well."

A former fellow officer, T. Stafford, writes from Montrose, Nov. 13, 1749. He begins his letter:

"Dear Captain,

You'l excuse my not giving you your proper title, as I dare say you are long before this become a Colonel . . . Most of our Corps y^t are living are in the Army, very few in the reduction on half pay." He says Mercer is the only one who has become a line officer, and that Lowry, Milbourn and

Poins are dead. "Pay my compliments to Fitzhugh who I hear has beat up the quarters of a Widow, to whom I wish all happiness".

William Fitzhugh (born 1721, died Feb. 11, 1798), was son of George Fitzhugh, of Stafford County, Va. After the Carthagen expedition he remained on half-pay. Governor Sharp, of Maryland, writing Jan. 12, 1755, says that Captain Fitzhugh, a half-pay officer residing in Virginia, had offered his services in the war against the French and Indians. William Fitzhugh married (1st) Mch. 28, 1744, Martha, daughter of Richard Lee, and widow of George Turberville, and (2nd) Jan. 7, 1752, Anne, daughter of Peregrine Frisby, of Cecil Co., Md., and widow of John Rousby, of "Rousby Hall", Calvert County. Soon after his second marriage he removed to Maryland, where he was a member of the Council of the Colony and the State, and of the Revolutionary Convention of August, 1776.